

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on February 9, 2007 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 24, 2/7/2007; SB 337, 1/9/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:04:01 Vice Chair Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON HB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:16 **REP. HARRY KLOCK** (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on **HB 24**, Revise laws relating to carbon dioxide used for energy purposes.

Proponents:

00:05:37 Evan Barrett, Office of Economic Development,
Governor's Office

00:07:37 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana

00:09:18 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association,
(WETA)

00:09:52 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:10:08 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council

00:11:15 Rep. George Groesbeck

Opponents:

00:11:50 Rick Moore, Northern Plains Resource Council

00:13:48 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center

Informational Testimony:

00:20:43 Tom Richmond, Administrative Petroleum Engineer, Board
of Oil and Gas Conservation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:04 Sen. Gebhardt to Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana

00:26:19 Sen. Kaufmann to Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum
Association

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:55 Rep. Klock

HEARING ON SB 337

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:42 SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 337, "Green" electricity buying cooperative."

[EXHIBIT \(nas29a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(nas29a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(nas29a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(nas29a04\)](#)

Proponents:

00:35:53 Pat Dopler, Green Energy Buying Cooperative (GEBCO)

[EXHIBIT \(nas29a05\)](#)

00:39:05 Steve Corrick, GEBCO

00:43:56 David Ryan, Licensed Professional Engineer for Judith Gap Project

00:49:13 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Arrow Alternative Resource Association

00:51:06 Russ Doty, President of GEBCO

[EXHIBIT \(nas29a06\)](#)

Opponents:

01:03:26 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT \(nas29a07\)](#)

01:11:11 Doug Mood, PSC

01:20:59 John Alke, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)

01:24:41 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

[EXHIBIT \(nas29a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(nas29a09\)](#)

01:39:07 Brad Molnar, PSC

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:36 Sen. Kaufmann to Russ Doty, GEBCO

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:32 Sen. Wanzenried

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:53 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas29aad.pdf](#))